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Application of: THOMAS et al.

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Serial No.: 09/497,957

Group Art Unit: 1644

Filed: February 4, 2000

Examiner: DECLOUX, A.

For: PLASMIDS COMPRISING NUCLEIC  
ACIDS FROM THE HEREDITARY  
HEMOCHROMATOSIS GENE

Attorney Docket No.: 8907-087-999

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 11, 2003 (Paper No. 12),  
please consider the following election and remarks.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition For Extension of Time for one (1)  
month from March 11, 2003, up to and including April 11, 2003.

**REMARKS**

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect, without traverse,  
Group A, directed to a plasmid comprising a sequence unique to SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 5 or 7 or  
the complement thereof.

In response to the species election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants elect  
SEQ ID NO:1 for immediate examination. Upon allowance of a generic claim, the  
Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written  
in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as  
provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

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Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

**CONCLUSION**

Examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested. No fee beyond the extension of time fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-087-999).

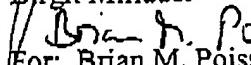
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